

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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O.S., *individually and on behalf of D.P., a child*
with a disability,

Plaintiff,

-v-

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION

Defendant.
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ORDER

20-CV-5072 (JPO) (JLC)

JAMES L. COTT, United States Magistrate Judge.

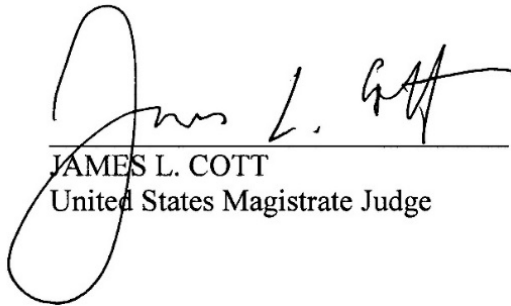
By Order of Reference dated March 23, 2021 (Dkt. No. 20), Judge Oetken referred this case to me for settlement. The parties are directed to advise the Court within 30 days when they wish to schedule the settlement conference. The parties should do so by filing a letter-motion on the docket that indicates at least three dates that are mutually convenient for the parties. Alternatively, counsel are free to e-mail my deputy clerk, David Tam, at David_Tam@nysd.uscourts.gov to find a mutually convenient date for the parties and the Court. The Court is not available the weeks of March 29, April 5, and April 19.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, any settlement conference in the foreseeable future will likely be conducted telephonically. Using the Court's conference line system, the Court will begin the settlement conference in joint session with all parties on the line before breaking into private session and speaking to the parties individually, as the technology the Court is using can

facilitate breakout sessions with each side. If the parties wish to provide a different platform for the settlement conference (such as Zoom, Skype, or the equivalent) and not simply proceed telephonically they may so advise the Court and the Court will then schedule a conference to discuss logistics.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 24, 2021
New York, New York



JAMES L. COTT
United States Magistrate Judge